An estimate for providing a ferry boat in the Muttattu *kayal* was received. The people were asked to contribute something towards the maintenance of the ferry. But they have not done anything so far and Government have ordered the question to lie over.

The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the provision of ferry boats at Perumbalam.

Regarding the restoration of the Pullan and Prasseri *chiras*, the Chief Engineer has been asked to investigate and forward an estimate.

For strengthening the Pookaita *chira*, an estimate has been prepared. It could not be taken up for want of funds.

Action is being taken for the purpose of strengthening the bunds in the Annala *todu*, the Brahmaniveetil *todu*, the Poochakkal *todu* and the Puttur *todu*.

114. Needs of the Vaikam Municipality.

MR. K. P. KHADIR (*Municipal Council, Vaikam*) first spoke about the necessity for including within the Vaikam municipal limits the Survey Numbers mentioned as the boundaries of the Municipality in the Notification of December 1916, defining the limits of the municipal town. The income of the Municipality suffered much, as the owners of steam and motor boats touching the western jetty of the Vaikam town refused to pay any tolls or license fees, on the ground that the Vembanad lake was not included within the municipal limits. The Municipal Council was also deprived of a substantial amount under profession tax which could otherwise be realised from the Vembanad lake side.

According the practice in vogue it was necessary to affix a court fee stamp to the value of two chackrams to the petitions presented to the Municipal Council. The profit on this account went to the Government, while the Municipality had to decide the petitions. This income should be credited to the Municipal fund.

The major roads within the municipal limits of Vaikam were under the control of the Public Works and the Devaswom Departments. The Municipal Council had to attend to the sanitation of the roads as well as other matters touching the health of the public. It was therefore essential that the Council should have complete control over these roads. The major roads whin the Municipality should be transferred to the Municipal Council together with the funds required for their maintenance.

DEWAN'S REPLY Mr. Khadir, the first two subjects have already been decided against you. The proposal to include certain portions within municipal limits has been vetoed, and it has been decided that Municipalities are not entitled to claim revenue from court fee stamps on petitions.

The general question of maintenance of roads in municipal areas is now under the consideration of Government.

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